
SUMMARY

Attorney with over thirteen years of environmental law experience. Comprehensive knowledge of the regulatory and enforcement process including administrative and civil litigation. Skilled negotiator with record of resolving complex environmental enforcement and defense cases, water quality standards matters, permitting issues and other regulatory matters. Acted as lead EPA attorney on successful defense of EPA decision at the federal district court level and Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

EMPLOYMENT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII

Assistant Regional Counsel (January 2003 to present)

- Act as lead EPA attorney on complex federal litigation and EPA administrative enforcement actions based upon claims arising from violations of federal environmental laws.
- Provide legal counseling on water quality decisions, NPDES permitting, and enforcement decisions.
- Act as lead EPA Region 7 attorney on federal litigation involving claims against the agency under the Administrative Procedures Act and citizen suit provisions of the Clean Water Act.

Johnson County District Court, Olathe KS

Law clerk, May 2002-Jan. 2003

- Conferred with district court judges on legal issues raised in civil court proceedings. Analyzed legal issues in motions before the court and drafted opinions in response to such motions.

AWARDS

- National Honor Award - Silver Medal for Superior Service awarded for being the lead EPA attorney on a precedent-setting CWA settlement.
- National Honor Award - Silver Medal for Superior Service awarded for being the lead EPA staff attorney on the largest CWA settlement.
- Missouri Lawyers Award - Largest Plaintiff's verdict/settlement.
- Department of Justice—Certificate of Commendation.
- Region VII - Bronze Award for counseling work on Iowa water quality standards.

EDUCATION

University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS

J.D. awarded May, 2002; GPA: 3.64/4.0

Cali Awards: Highest grade in Water Law, Torts II & Civil Procedure I

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

B.A. in Anthropology, December 1998